

3.13 JESUS HEALS A YOUNG BOY

MARK 9

Jesus had been on a mountain with three of His disciples. It had been a special time when they had heard God's voice saying, "This is my Beloved Son. Hear Him." Now they were coming down off the mountain. God had more work for Jesus to do.

As they came down the mountain, Jesus saw the other disciples. There was a great crowd around them. There were also scribes there. Scribes were the men who wrote down everything that happened. They were always busy with their job! When the people saw Jesus, they ran over to Him and greeted Him. Jesus asked the scribes, "What are you all talking about?"

One of the people in the crowd answered instead, saying, "Teacher, I have a son who is being troubled by an evil spirit. This spirit keeps him from being able to speak. It causes him to fall down and grind his teeth and his body becomes very stiff. I told your disciples about it but they weren't able to help."

Jesus said to his disciples, "All you without faith, how long shall I be with you?" And Jesus said to the father, "Bring the boy to me."

As soon as the boy was brought close to Jesus, the evil spirit began to torment him again. The spirit made the boy thrash about and fall to the ground. There was foam coming from his mouth. It was a sad and frightful sight. Jesus asked the father how long this had been happening to his son.

The father answered, "This has been happening to him since he was a child. This demon has caused my son to throw himself into fire and water many times. This evil spirit has tried to kill him. If You can do anything, please help my son!"

Jesus spoke to the father, "I heard you say the word 'if.' You said, 'If You can do anything.' All things are possible to the one who believes and trusts in Me."

The father immediately cried with a desperate voice, "I do believe, Lord. Help me with my unbelief."

Jesus commanded the evil spirit, which was causing the boy to be deaf and mute, to leave him and not bother him again. As the spirit left, the boy began to shake and roll around. When the demon was gone, the boy lay very still. Many people even said to each other, "He is dead."

Jesus took the young boy by the hand and lifted him up. He was healed.

The disciples asked Jesus later why they hadn't been able to drive away the demon. Jesus answered and said, "This kind of spirit cannot be driven away by anything but prayer to God, the Father."

They moved on from there and began to go through Galilee. Jesus needed to teach the disciples more and prepare them for the future.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) Jesus was returning from a mountain where He and three of His disciples had heard God speaking to Him. When He got down the mountain, Jesus saw the other disciples with a crowd of people.
- 2) There was a man in the crowd with his son. The son had an evil spirit troubling him. His father wanted Jesus to heal the boy.
- 3) Jesus asked the father to bring his son to him. The evil spirit caused the boy to fall to the ground and roll around.
- 4) The father said, "If You can do anything, please help my son." Jesus replied, "You said 'If You can do anything.' All things are possible to him who believes and trusts in Me." The father said, "I do believe. Help me with my unbelief."
- 5) Jesus commanded the evil spirit to leave the boy alone. Even though the boy appeared to be dead, Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up. He was healed.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) There was a man with his son in the crowd. What did the man want from Jesus?
- 2) What was wrong with the boy?
- 3) What did the father say to Jesus?
- 4) How did Jesus respond to the father?
- 5) What happened to the boy when Jesus commanded the evil spirit to leave him?

ANSWERS:

- 1) The man in the crowd wanted Jesus to heal his son.
- 2) The boy was troubled by an evil spirit.
- 3) The father said, "If You can do anything, please help my son."
- 4) Jesus replied, "You said, 'If You can do anything.' All things are possible to him who believes and trusts in Me."
- 5) The boy appeared dead when the evil spirit had left him. But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up. He was healed.